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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUTPCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

In Re:	Bankruptcy Nos. 02-22906 GEC			
	02-22907 GEC			
SIMON TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	02-24874 GEC			
INC., DICK SIMON TRUCKING, INC. and	(Chapter 11)			
SIMON TERMINAL, LLC,	[SUBSTANTIVELY CONSOLIDATED]			
Debtors.	Judge Glen E. Clark			

## UNSECURED CREDITORS' COMMITTEE OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 831 FILED BY THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), by and through its counsel, Fabian and Clendenin, hereby objects, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502 and Rules 3003 and 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, to the Proof of Claim No. 831 filed by the

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in the above case. In support of the objection, the Committee states:

- 1. Debtors, Simon Transportation Services, Inc. and Dick Simon Trucking, Inc. filed their voluntary Chapter 11 petitions on February 25, 2002. Simon Terminal, LLC filed a voluntary Chapter 11 petition on March 26, 2002. The cases were jointly administered.
- 2. On April 22, 2002, the Court entered an order authorizing the sale of substantially all of the Debtors' assets to Central Refrigerated Service, Inc.
- 3. On March 5, 2002, the Court entered an order fixing August 26, 2002 as the deadline to file proofs of claim.
- 4. On March 12, 2003, the Court entered its *Order Confirming Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation* ("Confirmation Order") in the above jointly administered cases. Pursuant to the Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation the estates of the Debtors were substantially consolidated, and all property of Debtors vested in a consolidated estate (the "Estate") under the exclusive control of the Committee. The Committee was designated as the representative of the Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1123(b)(3)(B) and given all necessary authority to administer the Estate, including the authority to object to claims. *See, Second Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation Dated December 27, 2002*, ¶ 6.4.
  - 5. Based upon the foregoing, the Committee objects to the following claim:

## Claim No. 831 - Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts filed Claim no. 831 on August 12, 2002, asserting an unsecured priority claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8) in the amount of \$2,186.15. The claim is for franchise taxes for the calendar year 2002.

The Committee objects to the claim on the basis that no franchise tax is due for the period described in the Proof of Claim. The Estate is eligible to file a "Texas Franchise No Tax Due Information Report" because the Debtors had a total taxable capital of less than \$40,000 and earned surplus of less than \$2,222. The Committee has prepared a tax return for the 2002 period, a copy of which is attached.

WHEREFORE, the Committee seeks entry of an order disallowing Claim No. 831 in its entirety, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

DATED this  $\frac{18}{100}$  day of September, 2003.

Peter W. Billings

Gary E. Jubber

FABIAN & CLENDENIN

A Professional Corporation

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage fully prepaid, this day of September, 2003.

United States Trustee 9 Exchange Place, Suite 100 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Weston L. Harris
Parsons Kinghorn Peters
111 East Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Richard Craig, Legal Counsel Office of the Attorney General Collection Division – Bankruptcy Section P.O. Box 12548 Austin, TX 78711-2548 \* \* \* \* \*

Dick Simon (State Copy)
Instructions for filing
Form 05-141

Texas Franchise No Tax Due Information Report for the year ended September 30, 2002

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The original return should be filed on or before with the following:

Comptroller of Public Accounts 111 E. 17th Street Austin, TX 78774-0100

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